



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. Temperatures averaged a little above normal. Producers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	33	63	1
Last Week	5	25	61	9
Last Year	16	40	40	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	49	38	0
Last Week	21	37	41	1
Last Year	13	40	44	3

Small Grains: Spring barley was 62 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 40 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The corn crop was 93 percent at or beyond the dough stage, 42 percent dented and 4 percent mature with the crop in mostly good condition last week. Sorghum was 99 percent headed, 87 percent turning color, and 10 percent mature with the crop in mostly fair condition by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 31, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	5	17	25	40	13
Last Year	1	6	25	52	16
Spring Wheat					
This Week	5	17	21	40	17
Last Year	1	6	28	38	27

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to good. Second cutting alfalfa was 99 percent complete while third cutting was 45 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated average while sheep and lambs were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 31, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	10	23	38	26	3
Prev. Year – 2007	3	10	37	37	13
5-Year Avg.	11	23	35	25	6

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 31, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	62	31	82	76
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	40	30	55	61
Corn				
Dough	93	60	84	71
Dent	42	26	36	32
Mature	4	0	2	4
Corn Silage				
Harvested	14	7	15	14
Sorghum				
Headed	99	95	99	90
Turning Color	87	81	41	32
Mature	10	4	11	6
Dry Beans				
Flowered	99	91	100	99
Cut	9	3	13	12
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	99	96	100	96
3 rd Cutting	45	29	37	38
Dry Onions				
Harvested	22	15	29	36
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	12	9	0	2
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	21	11	27	38

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	5	17	25	40	13
Spring Wheat	5	17	21	40	17
Corn	4	7	30	44	15
Alfalfa	2	7	24	49	18
Dry Onions	1	2	20	62	15
Summer Potatoes	5	5	10	60	20
Fall Potatoes	9	14	28	37	12
Dry Beans	0	0	24	66	10
Sugarbeets	1	3	15	56	25
Sunflowers	4	10	45	32	9
Sorghum	2	8	55	34	1
Livestock	1	3	17	70	9

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.